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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Appl. No. 09/438,365; Filed: November 12, 1999

For: **New Transfection Reagents**

Inventors: Chu *et al.*

Our Ref: 0942.4650001/RWE/THN

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Sir:

Applicants submit the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (*in duplicate*);
2. Form PTO-1449 (2 sheets citing 11 documents);
3. 11 documents cited in Form PTO-1449; and
4. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge all requisite fees to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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**First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement**

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Sir:

Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. A copy of each of these documents is provided. The numbering on this First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is a continuation of the numbering on Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement filed March 9, 2000 in connection with the above-captioned application.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), Applicants' undersigned representative submits the following concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language document, Document No. AN1, cited on Form PTO-1449.

Document No. AN1, French Patent No. 1,567,214 is believed to disclose low-foaming detergents containing bisquaternary compounds suitable for use in automatic washing machines. An English language abstract of Document No. AN1 is provided as Document No. AT5.

Where the publication date of a listed document does not provide a month of publication, the year of publication of the listed document is sufficiently earlier than the effective U.S. filing

date and any foreign priority date so that the month of publication is not in issue. Applicants have listed publication dates on the attached PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed as an admission that the information was actually published on the date indicated.

Applicants reserve the right to establish the patentability of the claimed invention over any of the information provided herewith, and/or to prove that this information may not be prior art, and/or to prove that this information may not be enabling for the teachings purportedly offered.

This statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made, or that information more material to the examination of the present patent application does not exist. The Examiner is specifically requested not to rely solely on the material submitted herewith. It is further understood that the Examiner will consider information that had been cited or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in a prior application relied on under 35 U.S.C. § 120. 1138 OG 37, 38 (May 19, 1992).

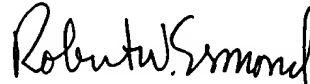
It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449, and to indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

This First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date but before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. I hereby state that each item of information contained in this First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. No fee is required. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1).

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this pleading is enclosed.

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